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DAY ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENT IN ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE

Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, today announced the appointment of Walter A. Gresh as assistant regional director of the Service's Region 4, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Gresh returns to the region where he served for more than three years as a regional inspector of Federal Aid activities, from 1939 to 1942. He succeeds Roy Moore who has been selected to direct the Service's expanded program of rodent control activities in Region X. 4.

Mr. Gresh joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in August 1939 when he was appointed to the Federal Aid inspectorship in Atlanta. In November 1942, shortly after the headquarters office of the Service was "decentralized" to Chicago for the war period, Mr. Gresh was transferred there from Atlanta to be assistant chief of the Federal Aid Division. In January 1945 he was sent to the Regional Office in Minneapolis to supervise the increasing volume of Federal Aid projects in that area.

Before joining the Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Gresh held positions with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, from 1928 to 1935; with the Tennessee Valley Authority, from 1935 to 1937; and with the West Virginia Conservation Commission, from 1937 to 1939.

Mr. Gresh was born in Hummelstown, Pa., on May 10, 1903. He studied engineering at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and received a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State College where he specialized in forestry and biology. For a year he studied forestry and game management in Holland, Germany, France, Czecho-Slovakia, Switzerland, Austria, and England.

In his new assignment, Mr. Gresh will assist James Silver, regional director, in the work of directing activities of the Service in Region 4 which comprises the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and North and South Carolina.

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